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Church News

VIRGINIA.

Honorary Degrees at Washington and Lee University: At the commencement Tuesday, June 12th, the degree of D. D. was conferred upon Rev. Charles R. Stribling, of Petersburg, Va., and Rev. Dr. John M. Wells, of Wilmington, N. C. Each of these gentlemen had a son among the Bachelors of Arts that morning. The degree of Doctor of Laws (LL. D.) was conferred upon Professor Charles Crooks, of Centre College, Danville, Ky.; President Joseph D. Eggleston, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., and Mr. Edward Colston, of Cincinnati. The degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred upon Mr. Walter E. Addison, editor of the Lynchburg Daily News, and upon Mr. Isham Randolph, of Chicago and Jacksonville, Florida, was bestowed the degree of Doctor of Commercial Science—the first recipient of this degree from this university. Each of these seven gentlemen was most felicitously introduced to the audience by President Henry Louis Smith.

A. H.

Lexington: In the absence of the pastor, our pulpit was occupied morning and night, May 27th, by Rev. William Denham, pastor of Bethel church, Va. Rev. Walter L. Lingle, of Union Seminary, Richmond, preached in this church last Sunday, both morning and night.

Sunday morning, June 10th, was baccalaureate Sunday, not only for Washington and Lee University, but also for the Virginia Military Institute. All of the churches in town were closed in the morning on this account. At night our church was open, and Rev. Dr. Ernest Thompson, of Charleston, W. Va., who had preached the baccalaureate at the V. M. I. in the morning, preached for us.

A. H.

Lynchburg: A good deal of interest has been written of late about the Pocket Testament League, which has been organized for the purpose of distributing pocket Testaments to the soldiers. The Busy Bee Home Mission Society of the Westminster church appointed a committee to take charge of this work. Already over one hundred very pretty little Testaments have been distributed to the soldiers on duty in this city, and through the army and navy recruiting offices located here. Twenty-five dollars was at once contributed by

the society, twenty-eight dollars have been voluntarily sent in, five dollars of which came from a German army officer. There is immediate need of one hundred more Testaments. In the month of July the two companies of this city, the Home Guard and the Musqueteers, which made such a splendid record on the border, will mobilize. A special service will be held in Westminster church. The pastor, Dr. Wallace T. Palmer, is the chaplain. Testaments will be distributed at this service by young girls of the city churches to each of these soldiers. The committee in charge of this work is Mrs. A. F. Anderson, 207 Madison Street, chairman; Mrs. George Johnson, Mrs. Louise Payne.

Olivet, Near Staunton: This church closed on Sunday night, June 10, a full three weeks' meeting, that was carried on altogether by pastor and people with the Lord's help, and during the meeting thirty-seven by profession and eleven by letter, forty-seven total, were added to the church. In addition to these there are two or three more to join later. Also there were nineteen members of the church who came forward in response to a clear-cut invitation to accept Christ, if they felt that they were not saved, eleven of this number from our own church. The new members range in years from a little nine-year-old girl to a sixty-three-year-old grandmother. About fifteen of the number who joined by profession are adults. During the meeting five babies were baptized. The whole church has been wonderfully helped, both pastor and members. The earnest work of the late Pastor Walton had done much to prepare this field for such an abundant harvest. Ten cottage prayer meetings beforehand, intense prayer and faithful personal work during the meeting account for such an outpouring of the Spirit. And the church has voted to continue two cottage prayer meetings per week over the congregation in order to conserve results, and to develop our men as leaders. Since the opening of the new church year fifty-three members have been added to Olivet, bringing the membership from one hundred and sixty-five to two hundred and eighteen.

Chatham: Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, D. D., and his singer, Mr. Jelks, began a meeting here Sunday, June 10th. Large crowds are attending and much interest is being manifested. The meetings are held in a large warehouse. We are praying that a great blessing will attend these meetings and many souls will be converted.

Cor.

ALABAMA.

Ensley: The Italian Mission has just closed the most satisfactory year in its history. This mission was established in May, 1909, by Rev. H. C. Kegley, then pastor of the First church, Ensley. In looking back over the records we find that Mr. Kegley's pastorate with the First church resulted in the establishing of several of our most aggressive young churches. During this period the Wylam church was reorganized and the present building erected, the Plunket Memorial church, Fairfield, organized and a commodious building provided by the ladies of the South Highlands church, Birmingham. It was also at this period that the first Sunday-school chapel was built at Ensley Highlands, this work developing a little later into the flourishing organization known now as the Ensley Highlands Presbyterian church, U. S. A. These churches now have a membership several times larger than that of the mother church, each is self-supporting, and has its

own settled pastor. It is also interesting to note that during this period of expansion the First church had the largest gatherings in its history, and upon Mr. Kegley's removal called the next pastor, Dr. T. P. Hay, at a largely increased salary. Rev. E. E. Washburn has had entire charge of the mission since the removal of the native pastor, Rev. Angelo Mastrotto, several months ago. Mr. Washburn's splendid success is proving most conclusively the wisdom of the Atlanta Committee's decision that our foreign problem must be met by our own young men who have been specially trained with reference to Foreign Mission work in the homeland.

Cullman: Though this is an unusually attractive town of about four thousand population, with most creditable public buildings and miles of wide streets and concrete walks, we found no organized Presbyterian church; yet there are a number of Presbyterians, many of whom have united with other denominations and are active workers in them. Through the courtesy of our brethren of the Christian church permitting us to use their building, we held services daily, continuing through two Sundays. We did much house to house visitation and personal work, meeting many who said, "My parents were Presbyterians," others, "I was once a Presbyterian myself," and two men who stated, "We were once elders in the Presbyterian church." By Sabbath, June 10th, having secured enough names, we organized a church with sixteen members, nine of whom were heads of families, and fifteen were adults. Two officers were elected, ordained and installed, viz., as elders, Mr. L. N. Buell and Mr. W. O. Hill. The offering for incidentals and Presbyterian evangelistic work amounted to \$27.05.

Rev. William N. Sholl, of Decatur, Ala., who was with me one service, has consented to preach here occasionally during the week, until a regular supply can be secured. I go from here to Guntersville, Ala., to assist Rev. H. C. Kegley in a meeting.

Wm. H. Richardson.

APPALACHIA.

Stonewall Jackson College.—Interest is being awakened by the announcement that the immense rotunda of the Administration building of this college, as planned and accepted, will be dedicated as a memorial to Stonewall Jackson's army. The plan includes a magnificent statue of General Jackson in full uniform in the center, and the walls lined with the names of the brave men who followed him. This entire part of these splendid buildings will be used to protect and preserve such records, pictures, photographs, muskets, knapsacks, flags, etc., etc., of his brave and gallant followers as may be obtained from time to time. No effort will be spared in careful research to obtain these valuable records of history, and the deep gratification which must attend the undertaking so nobly begun, should be shared universally, as this memorial, when completed, is to be a shrine for all those who admire and love this great Confederate chieftain. Those who can and will add a contribution to the erection of this memorial will share alike on the roll of honor prepared for the purpose.

M. B. B.

FLORIDA.

Quincy: This church has recently elected, ordained and installed the following officers: Elders, Messrs. J. W. Woodward, Y. L. Watson; deacons, Messrs. C. S. Curtis, Howard Sylves-

ter, Howard Woodward. A flourishing Men's Brotherhood has been formed. The topic for discussion at the last meeting was "New Church." It was the sentiment of the Brotherhood that six collections a year should be ordered, the proceeds of which would be known as "The Church Building Fund." The young women of the Junior Aid Society are bending their energies for a pipe organ.

GEORGIA.

College Park: Rev. S. S. Daugherty has been called to the pastorate of this church, and has accepted the call.

Moore Memorial: Rev. Mr. Stephenson, who for some time past has been the Bible teacher at Agnes Scott College, succeeds the late Rev. Gaston R. Buford as pastor of this famous church.

Decatur: Mrs. Alma W. Sydenstricker, of West Point, Miss., and president of the Mississippi Synodical, will be Bible teacher at Agnes Scott College for next year. Mrs. Sydenstricker is regarded as one of the most brilliant women of the South, and Agnes Scott is to be congratulated on securing her services.

Porterdale: This is one of Georgia's most active manufacturing towns, and yet has never had a church of any denomination within its limits. Rev. John Goff, evangelist of Atlanta Presbytery, has just closed a good meeting there, and at its close a Presbyterian church, with twenty-eight members, was organized.

Bethany: This is one of the large country churches of Atlanta Presbytery, and it is said that more than ninety per cent. of its members have family altars. Where is the church that can beat this record? Bethany has a splendid school, but has always used only the catechism and old union question books as their Sunday-school literature. This may look moss-backy to some, but the plan has certainly succeeded at Bethany. Some of the great men of Georgia were trained in this church. Rev. William Duncan, the present pastor, is a wide awake man, and is doing noble work for that locality.

Valdosta: Three of our young people attended the State Christian Endeavor Convention and two the State Sunday-school Convention. Two ladies went to the Presbyterian, a young deacon to the Laymen's Convention and an elder represented Savannah Presbytery at General Assembly. All report good meetings and testify to personal profit. Four of our Christian Endeavor young people, two of each sex, have just passed the examination to qualify as Christian Endeavor experts. One almost perfect paper was graded at 99½ per cent. The pastor's family left for Montreat on Monday.

Cor.

KENTUCKY.

Jackson, Guerrant Memorial Church: We take great pleasure in announcing that our new mission recently established at Quicksand, three miles above here, at the large lumber camp, is making fine progress. There were over one hundred present the tenth of June at Sunday-school. There is a splendid group of workers here. Three times as many people are going to Sunday-school and Church since we opened our mission there as were attending before. The Methodists have a work here too. It is hoped that a new chapel may be built in the near future. Those who would like to assist in the social life of the new Guerrant Memorial church might like to send a "disc" record for the new Universal phonograph, that will be installed soon in the basement of the new church. Perhaps among the